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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) OTRA

SUBJECT: GARBA SAYS JUNE VISIT NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE.

1. POLITICAL COUNSELLOR AND I CALLED ON COMMISSIONER GARBA THIS AFTERNOON AT MY REQUEST TO REVIEW HIS IMPRESSIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION UPON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO LUANDA, LUSAKA, DAR-ES-SALAAM AND MAPUTO. HE ASKED TO SEE ME ALONE AT OUTSET TO DISCUSS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S QUERY CONCERNING A POSSIBLE VISIT TO NIGERIA IN THE 3RD WEEK OF JUNE. OTHER POINTS COVERED IN CONVERSATION WITH GARBA BEING SUBMITTED SEPTELS.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED VISIT TO NIGERIA IN JUNE, GARBA SAID THAT PROPOSED TIMING WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONVENIENT. HE AND HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE PREOCCUPIED IN MID-JUNE IN PREPARING FOR OAU SUMMIT TO BE HELD MAURITIUS BEGINNING JUNE 26. MOST OF EARLY JUNE WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH A VISIT HE HAD AGREED TO MAKE TO JAPAN. THUS "THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE IS OUT."
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